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of public funds, so that those funds only go toward the public part of this service rather than to my private use? It says here that the department may use funds appropriated by the Legislature when available to offset the costs of the research, testing, in conjunction with the voluntary livestock certification program.

SENATOR DIERKS: See, I think that language is in there to help them put together a plan. That's why the "may" use funds is there, to help them with the development of the plan for that particular disease. You know, the registry, as far as...I can tell you how it works with brucellosis. The registry was kept...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks, Senator Raikes. Debate on the committee amendment. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Since Senator Cham...Mr. Speaker, members of the bod...or, President, members of the body, since Senator Chambers is going to speak again, I decided I would too, to talk about the vaccination situation on foot-and-mouth disease. It sometimes...I was not aware of a vaccination program either, like Senator Dierks mentioned. But I just have a little pamphlet here that in this case Senator Schrock got. I get it at home too. But in Netherlands, the officials are trying to...are going against the grain and opting to vaccinate their livestock for foot-and-mouth. The European Union opposes this strategy. The reason is, once vaccinated, tests can't differentiate between FMD antibodies from the disease or the vaccine, bringing the meat or animals unfit for export. So I just wanted to kind of...probably many of you think we're overdoing this thing. But I'm extremely concerned about both BSE and FMD in this country. And I just want to say, vaccination is not going to be a magic bullet. Apparently, even though it can be done, it's extremely controversial, and it does shut down exports. The reason I think that I in particular am concerned about this, our farm policy in '96 was built on